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THESE are days when our spies are working overtime to find out what the Russians are up to, and Allen Dulles, boss of the Central Intelligence Agency, is reminded of the time he passed up a really ripe interview during World War I.

Mr. Dulles was doing some intelligence errands then in Switzerland. During an especially busy period he was asked if he wanted to talk to a Russian odd-ball with a beard. He checked with some other U. S. officials and then decided to pass up the meeting as a waste of time.

Several weeks later, Mr. Dulles' face turned a bright red when he discovered the Russian was a fellow named Nicolai Lenin, who had been en route to Russia to join the revolution.